

# SENATE BILL 934

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By: **Senators Zirkin and Stone**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Sexual Offender Registrants – Internet Posting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring rather than authorizing the Department of Public Safety  
4 and Correctional Services to post on the Internet a current listing of each sexual  
5 offender registrant; requiring certain information about each sexual offender  
6 registrant to be posted on the Internet; and generally relating to the posting of  
7 information about sexual offender registrants on the Internet.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Procedure  
10 Section 11–706(a)(1) through (7) and (9)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Criminal Procedure  
15 Section 11–717  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

21 11–706.

22 (a) A registration statement shall include:

23 (1) the registrant’s full name, including any suffix, and address;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) for a registrant under § 11-704(a)(7)(i) of this subtitle or  
2 who is on work release, the registrant's place of employment; or

3 (ii) for a registrant under § 11-704(a)(7)(ii) of this subtitle, the  
4 registrant's place of educational institution or school enrollment;

5 (3) (i) for a registrant enrolled, or expecting to enroll, in an  
6 institution of higher education in the State as a full-time or part-time student, the  
7 name and address of the institution of higher education; or

8 (ii) for a registrant who carries on employment, or expects to  
9 carry on employment, at an institution of higher education in the State, the name and  
10 address of the institution of higher education;

11 (4) a description of the crime for which the registrant was convicted;

12 (5) the date that the registrant was convicted;

13 (6) the jurisdiction in which the registrant was convicted;

14 (7) a list of any aliases, former names, electronic mail addresses,  
15 computer log-in or screen names or identities, instant-messaging identities, and  
16 electronic chat room identities that the registrant has used;

17 (9) any other name by which the registrant has been legally known;

18 11-717.

19 (a) (1) The Department shall make available to the public registration  
20 statements or information about registration statements.

21 (2) Information about registration statements shall include, in plain  
22 language that can be understood without special knowledge of the criminal laws of the  
23 State, a description of the crime of the offender that is the basis for the registration,  
24 excluding details that would identify the victim.

25 (b) The Department [may] **SHALL** post on the Internet a current listing of  
26 each [registrant's name, crime, and other identifying information] **REGISTRANT**  
27 **THAT INCLUDES THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN § 11-706(A)(1) THROUGH (7)**  
28 **AND (9) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

29 (c) The Department, through an Internet posting of current registrants,  
30 shall allow the public to electronically transmit information the public may have about  
31 a registrant to the Department, a parole agent of a registrant, and the local law  
32 enforcement unit where a registrant resides or where a registrant who is not a  
33 resident of the State will work or attend school.

1           (d)     The Department shall allow members of the public who live in the county  
2 in which the registrant is to reside or where the registrant, if not a resident of the  
3 State, will work or attend school, by request, to receive electronic mail notification of  
4 the release from incarceration of a registered offender and the registration information  
5 of the offender.

6           (e)     The Department shall establish regulations to carry out this section.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2010.